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Title : SURFACE TREATING METHOD  
: FOR LIGHT-METAL CASTINGS  
: AND VEHICLE ALUMINUM WHEEL  
: SURFACE-TREATED BY THE  
: SAME METHOD

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 17, 2003, please amend the Application  
as follows: